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TAGS: MARR, SY, LE, PINT
SUBJ: SYRIAN INTENTIONS IN LEBANON

DURING LUNCHEON ON JULY 5, UNIFIL POLITICAL ADVISOR JEAN
CLAUDE AIME TOLD DCM THAT HE HAD BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT
DURING LATAKIA SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS ASSAD AND
SARKIS, ASSAD HAD GIVEN SARKIS A LIST OF THOSE OFFICERS OF
THE LEBANESE ARMY WHO SHOULD BE DISMISSED BEFORE THE GOVERN-
MENT'S SPECIAL POWERS EXPIRED ON JUNE 30. ACCORDING TO AIME'S
SOURCE, SARKIS HAD AGREED BUT HAD NOT KEPT HIS PROMISE
BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION FROM GEMAYELS AND CHAMOUNS AND BECAUSE
OF IHDIN MASSACRE ON JUNE 13 AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. AIME
SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SARKIS HAD ALSO PROMISED ASSAD
THAT HE WOULD SEND LEBANESE TROOPS TO SOUTH LEBANON IMMED-
IATELY AFTER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO REPLACE THE CHRISTIAN
MILITIAS. SARKIS HAD ALSO RENEGED ON THIS PROMISE. AIME
SPECULATED THAT SARKIS' FAILURE TO DELIVER ON THESE TWO
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POINTS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION FROM CHRISTIAN
LEADERS, MAY HELP TO EXPLAIN HEAVY SYRIAN BOMBARDMENTS OF
EAST BEIRUT DURING FIRST THREE DAYS OF JULY. PARKER

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